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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on February 19, 2004, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for one month is being filed currently herewith, setting the period for response to expire on March 19, 2004, Applicant submits the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.